Proclamation

West County Wastewater Board of Directors

RECOGNITION OF WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK OCTOBER 6-14, 2021

WHEREAS, water is the lifeblood of California and without safe and reliable water, no community and no sector of the economy - from high tech to manufacturing to agriculture - can thrive or expand; and

WHEREAS, thanks to technological advances by highly skilled and trained water professionals and the dedication of thousands of industry professionals in the state, California drinking water and treated wastewater meets some of the most stringent water quality standards in the nation; and

WHEREAS, depending on where you live in California, your water may come from a nearby well or river, or it may travel hundreds of miles through canals or pipelines to reach your tap. Regardless of where it originates, your drinking water is filtered, cleaned, tested and distributed in a process carefully managed by trained water professionals; and

WHEREAS, California is steadily expanding the reuse of treated wastewater and pioneering the use of advanced purified recycled water to replenish aquifers, prevent seawater intrusion and improve local water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, water professionals at local public water and wastewater agencies work 24/7 to plan for the future, maintain and upgrade their systems and improve the safety and resiliency of local water supplies for their communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, local public water and wastewater agencies invest more than \$25 billion a year on local water-related programs and projects that protect public health and the environment, improve local water supply reliability, replenish and clean up groundwater basins, provide water for fire protection and protect against floods; and

WHEREAS, thousands of water, wastewater and recycled water industry professionals in the state dedicate their careers to keeping drinking water, recycled water and treated wastewater safe and reliable for use by Californians; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of West County Wastewater hereby declares Oct. 6-14, 2021 Water Professionals Appreciation Week and extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the water and wastewater professionals who work 24/7 to provide excellent service to our community every day.

| Dated: September 15, 2021 | |
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